

What is claimed is:

1. A data recording medium on which medium
identification information unique to the data recording
medium has been recorded, the medium identification
5 information having information with which hardware that
can use a program recorded on the data recording medium
is recognized, a starting program having been recorded
on the data recording medium, the starting program
being automatically started corresponding to obtained
10 hardware identification information and the medium
identification information.

2. The data recording medium as set forth in
claim 1,

wherein the data recoding medium is bundled
15 with the hardware.

3. A data recording medium on which medium
identification information unique to the data recording
medium has been recorded, a plurality of programs
having been recorded on the data recording medium, the
20 medium identification information having information
with which one of the plurality of programs is
designated, a starting program causing the program
designated with the medium identification information
to automatically start having been recorded on the data
25 recording medium.

4. The data recording medium as set forth in
claim 3,

wherein the data recoding medium is bundled with the hardware.

5. A program starting method for starting a program recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

obtaining medium identification information unique to the recording medium;

obtaining hardware identification information that represents hardware that can use the program;

10 comparing the medium identification information and the hardware identification information;

starting the program when the hardware identification information represents hardware that the medium identification information represents; and

15 performing an error process when the hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents.

6. A program starting method for starting a program recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

obtaining the medium identification information;

determining a type that the medium identification information represents;

25 selectively starting a program corresponding to the type that the medium identification information

represents; and

performing an error process when the hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents.

5 7. A starting program for causing a computer to execute a program recorded on a recording medium, the starting program comprising the steps of:

obtaining medium identification information unique to the recording medium;

10 obtaining hardware identification information that represents hardware that can use the program;

comparing the medium identification information and the hardware identification information;

15 starting the program when the hardware identification information represents hardware that the medium identification information represents; and

performing an error process when the hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents.

20 8. A starting program for causing a computer to execute a program recorded on a recording medium, the starting program comprising the steps of:

obtaining the medium identification information;

25 determining a type that the medium identification information represents;

selectively starting a program corresponding to the type that the medium identification information represents; and

5 performing an error process when the hardware identification information does not represent hardware that the medium identification information represents.